

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-15. (Cancelled)

16. (New) A method for producing a trim article for a vehicle, the method comprising forming a carrier with a first portion that is gas permeable and foam impermeable and a second portion that is gas impermeable and foam impermeable;

providing a sheet to a first mold section;

introducing a foam material to the first mold section;

introducing the carrier to the first mold section;

providing a space between the sheet and the carrier by pressing together a portion of the sheet and the carrier;

influencing the propagation of the foam according to locations of the first portion and the second portion on the carrier, and the pressed together portion of the sheet and the carrier.

17. (New) The method of Claim 16 wherein forming the carrier comprises providing an intrinsically gas permeable unprocessed part and compressing the first portion to a state of being gas permeable and foam impermeable and compressing the second portion to a state of being gas impermeable and foam impermeable.

18. (New) The method of Claim 16 wherein air displaced during the step of influencing the propagation of the foam is discharged through the first portion of the carrier.

19. (New) The method of Claim 16 wherein the step of pressing together the sheet and the carrier comprises forming a tearing edge so that a portion of the sheet located outside the foamed region is removed.

20. (New) The method of Claim 16 wherein the step of pressing together the sheet and the carrier provides an integral connection between the sheet and the carrier.

21. (New) The method of Claim 16 wherein the sheet comprises a decorative material.

22. (New) The method of Claim 16 wherein the step of providing the sheet to the first mold section occurs before the step of introducing the foam material to the first mold section.
23. (New) The method of Claim 22 wherein the step of introducing the foam material to the first mold section occurs before introducing the carrier to the first mold section.
24. (New) The method of Claim 23 wherein the step of providing the sheet to the first mold section comprises spraying a liquid polymer into the first mold section and allowing the liquid polymer to solidify.
25. (New) The method of Claim 24 wherein foaming takes place before the complete solidification of the polymer.
26. (New) The method of Claim 16 wherein the sheet is introduced separately into the first mold section.
27. (New) A method for producing a trim article for a vehicle, the method comprising forming a carrier by compressing a first portion of a gas permeable member to a state of being gas permeable and foam impermeable and compressing a second portion of the gas permeable member to a state of being gas impermeable and foam impermeable; providing a sheet to a first mold section; introducing a foam material to the first mold section; introducing the carrier to the first mold section; providing a space between the sheet and the carrier when pressing together a portion of the sheet and the carrier; influencing the propagation of the foam according to locations of the first portion and the second portion on the carrier, and the pressed together portion of the sheet and the carrier.
28. (New) The method of Claim 27 further comprising discharging air displaced during the step of influencing the propagation of the foam through the first portion of the carrier.
29. (New) The method of Claim 27 wherein the step of pressing together the sheet and the carrier comprises forming a tearing edge so that a portion of the sheet located outside the foamed region is removed.

30. (New) The method of Claim 27 wherein the step of pressing together the sheet and the carrier provides an integral connection between the sheet and the carrier.
31. (New) The method of Claim 27 wherein the sheet comprises a decorative material.
32. (New) The method of Claim 27 wherein the step of providing the sheet to the first mold section occurs before the step of introducing the foam material to the first mold section, and wherein the step of introducing the foam material to the first mold section occurs before the step of introducing the carrier to the first mold section.
33. (New) The method of Claim 27 wherein the step of providing the sheet to the first mold section comprises spraying a polymer into the first mold section.
34. (New) The method of Claim 27 wherein the sheet is introduced separately into the first mold section.
35. (New) A trim article for a vehicle comprising
a carrier member having a first portion that is gas permeable and foam impermeable and a second portion that is gas impermeable and foam impermeable,
a sheet configured to provide a decorative layer and coupled to the carrier along an interface that is gas impermeable and foam impermeable;
a foam layer injected between the carrier and the sheet.
36. (New) The trim article of Claim 35 wherein the sheet comprises a polymeric spray-on skin.
37. (New) The trim article of Claim 35 wherein the sheet comprises a plastic film.
38. (New) The trim article of Claim 35 wherein the sheet is gas impermeable.
39. (New) The trim article of Claim 35 wherein the first portion of the carrier member is compressed to a lesser extent than the second portion of the carrier member.
40. (New) The trim article of Claim 39 wherein the carrier member comprises a fiber and resin pressed material.

41. (New) The trim article of Claim 39 wherein the carrier comprises at least one of a resin-bound flax fiber material or a sisal fiber material.

Patent claims

1. A method for producing a trim article (1), in which the interspace between a sheet-like decorative material (5) and a carrier (3) is foam-filled,
 - 5 characterized in that, during foaming, the decorative material (5) is pressed sealingly onto the interior-side surface of the carrier (3) so as to run around the region to be foam-filled.
- 10 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the decorative material (5) is produced, before foaming, by the solidification of a liquid polymer sprayed into the foaming mold.
- 15 3. The method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that foaming takes place before the complete solidification of the polymer.
- 20 4. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the decorative material (5) is introduced separately into the foaming mold.
- 25 5. The method as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the discharge of the air to be displaced during foaming takes place through the foam-tight, but, at least in regions, not gas-tight structure of the carrier (3).

6. The method as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that, the carrier (3) is gas-sealed in regions by the local compression of an intrinsically gas-impermeable unprocessed part before introduction into the foaming die.

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7. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that, the pressing zone (7) serving for sealing off makes a permanent materially integral connection between the decorative material (5) and the carrier (3).

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8. The method as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that, the pressing zone (7) serving for sealing off forms a tearing edge along which the decorative material (5) located outside the foamed region is removed.

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9. A trim article (1), in particular the interior of a motor vehicle, with a carrier (3), with a sheet-like decorative layer (5) and with a foam layer (6), arranged between them, characterized in that the trim article (1) has a gas-tight pressing zone (7) which runs around the foam layer (6) and in which the decorative material (5) is connected directly to the interior-side surface of the carrier (3).

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25 10. The trim article as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the decorative layer (5) consists of a polymeric spray-on skin (13) consisting particularly of polyurethane.

11. The trim article as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the decorative layer (5) consists of a sheet-like semifinished product consisting particularly of a plastic film.

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12. The trim article as claimed in claim 11 or 12, characterized in that the decorative layer (5) is essentially gas-impermeable.

10 13. The trim article as claimed in one of claims 9 to 12, characterized in that the carrier (3) is, at least in regions, gas-permeable but foam-impermeable.

15 14. The trim article as claimed in claim 13, characterized in that the carrier has gas-permeable zones (10) compressed to a lesser extent and highly compressed gas-impermeable zones (9).

20 15. The trim article as claimed in claim 14, characterized in that the carrier (3) consists of a fiber/resin pressed article, in particular of resin-bound flax fibers and/or sisal fibers.